December 15, 1987

Eric Lauterer City Attorney 11391 Acacia Parkway P.O. Box 3070 Garden Grove, CA 92642

> Re: Your Request for Advice Our File No. 87-317

Dear Mr. Lauterer:

You have requested advice concerning interpretation of Elections Code Section 10211, which governs candidate ballot designations. The Commission's jurisdiction is limited to matters governed by the Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000-91015); therefore, we cannot advise you on the interpretation of other laws such as Elections Code Section 10211. Your question is more appropriately addressed to the Secretary of State's or Attorney General's office.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (916) 322-5901.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths General Counsel

By: Kathryn E. Donovan

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December 4, 1987

Fair Political Practices Commission 428 "J" Street, Suite 800 Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Request for Opinion on Ballot Designations

In connection with a recent City of Garden Grove election, my City Council has requested that I seek and obtain an opinion as to the following subject matter.

Under the provisions of Election Code Section 10211, is there any authorization contained therein which allows any of the following designations to be used in connection with a candidate running for municipal election in a general law city, including that of the office of elected Mayor? Mayor Pro Tem; Taxfighter; Taxfighter Businessman, or Taxfighter Councilman.

As a matter of background, the City of Garden Grove is a general law city composed of five (5) Councilmembers. One of the five positions, by virtue of a previous election, is the mayoral position and is voted on separately. The term is set at two (2) years, while the remaining Councilmembers serve four (4) year terms.

Any interpretation and information you can provide on this subject is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Respectfully,

ERIC LAUTERER City Attorney

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